

Use this Call Script to speak with your Elected officials:

Enter your full address onto this website: <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/> and a list of your representatives will populate. We are looking to speak with our United States Senators (Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand for the State of New York) and our Representative of Congress. For Long Island Residents this will be:

District 1: Rep. Nick LaLota

District Office: (631) 289-1097

DC Office: (202) 225- 3826

District 2: Rep. Andrew Garbarino

District Office: (631) 541-4225

DC Office: (202) 225-7896

District 3: Rep. Tom Suozzi

District Office: (516) 861-1070

DC Office: [\(202\) 225-3335](tel:2022253335)

District 4: Rep. Laura Gillen

District Office: (516) 739-3008

DC Office: (202) 225-5516

Opening

Hello, my name is ____ (name), and I'm a constituent living in ____ (Town/Zip Code). I'm reaching out to urge Representative/ Senator _____ (name) to **support a two-year delay of the SNAP cost-shift to all states.**

Core Message

SNAP is the nation's largest and most effective anti-hunger program, helping families keep food on the table during times of need.

Recent federal legislation will require states to pay up to **15% of SNAP benefit costs** based on **payment error rates**, which are administrative mistakes. For New York, this cost is projected to reach **\$1.1 billion starting in October 2027**.

Without a delay, states may be forced into harmful trade-offs like reducing eligibility or raising taxes. A two-year delay will give states time to improve systems, reduce payment errors, and protect access to food for families, seniors, veterans, and children.

The Ask

I'm asking for my Representative to **support a two-year delay of the SNAP cost-shift** in the upcoming Farm Bill vote or **any legislative vehicle**. This delay is critical in preventing increased food insecurity and protecting the nutrition assistance millions rely on.